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**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A PROCESS OF STATE-WIDE
RESPONSIBLE GROWTH.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) There is established a
2 process for adoption, amendment, revision and implementation of a
3 state economic development plan. The Commissioner of Economic and
4 Community Development shall prepare the plan, in consultation with
5 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the Labor
6 Commissioner, the Connecticut Development Authority and
7 Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, regional councils of
8 government and regional planning agencies.

9 (b) In developing the plan, the Commissioner of Economic and
10 Community Development shall:

11 (1) Evaluate economic development in the state, and shall include a
12 review of population, geography, workforce development and
13 employment, transportation access and resources, environment and
14 any other aspects of the state's economy the commissioner deems
15 appropriate;

16 (2) Analyze economic and community development problems and
17 opportunities in the state including (A) reviewing other government
18 sponsored or supported plans and applicable state and local workforce

19 investment strategies, and (B) identifying past, present and projected
20 future economic development investments in the state:

21 (3) Define economic development problems of the state and
22 establish goals and objectives to solve such problems;

23 (4) Provide for community and private sector participation in
24 implementation of the plan;

25 (5) List all existing and proposed state projects and estimate the
26 numbers of jobs created because of such projects;

27 (6) Identify and prioritize vital projects, programs and activities that
28 address the state's greatest needs or that best enhance the state's
29 competitiveness and identify sources of funding for past and potential
30 future investments;

31 (7) Identify economic clusters that are growing or declining within
32 the state;

33 (8) Propose a plan of action to implement the following goals: (A)
34 Promoting economic development and opportunity, (B) fostering
35 effective transportation access, (C) enhancing and protecting the
36 environment, (D) maximizing the effective development and use of the
37 workforce consistent with applicable state or local workforce
38 investment strategy, (E) promoting the use of technology in economic
39 development, including access to high-speed telecommunications, (F)
40 balancing resources through sound management of physical
41 development, and (G) obtaining and utilizing adequate funds and
42 other resources; and

43 (9) List performance measures to evaluate successful development
44 and implementation of the plan, including, but not limited to, (A) the
45 number of jobs created after implementation of the plan, (B) the
46 number and types of public and private investments undertaken in the
47 state, (C) the number of jobs retained, (D) the amount of private sector
48 investment in the state after implementation of the plan, and (E)

49 changes in the economic environment of the region.

50 (c) Any amendment to the plan shall be made in the same manner
51 as adoption or revision under this section.

52 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Commissioner of
53 Economic and Community Development shall supervise the process
54 for adopting, amending, revising and implementing the economic
55 development plan. The commissioner shall present a draft of the plan
56 for preliminary review to the joint standing committees of the General
57 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning and
58 development, commerce, finance, revenue and bonding and
59 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies not later than March
60 15, 2008, and every five years thereafter.

61 (b) The commissioner shall publish the draft of the plan and
62 disseminate it to the public. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
63 Management shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the state.

64 (c) The commissioner shall submit a copy of the draft economic
65 development plan to the Office of Policy and Management for a
66 determination of consistency with the state plan of conservation and
67 development and to the Commissioner of Transportation for a
68 determination of consistency with the state master transportation plan.

69 (d) Not later than five months after publication of said plan, the
70 commissioner shall hold public hearings, in cooperation with regional
71 planning agencies, to solicit comments on said plan.

72 (e) The commissioner shall consider the comments received at the
73 public hearings and shall make any necessary or desirable revisions to
74 said plan. Not more than three months after completion of the public
75 hearings, the commissioner shall submit the final plan to the General
76 Assembly. The plan shall become effective upon adoption by the
77 General Assembly as the economic development plan of the state. In
78 the event that the General Assembly disapproves the plan in whole or
79 in part, the plan shall be deemed to be rejected and shall be returned to

80 the commissioner for appropriate action.

81 Sec. 3. Section 16a-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the
82 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

83 (a) The following actions when undertaken by any state agency,
84 with state or federal funds, shall be consistent with the plan:

85 (1) The acquisition of real property when the acquisition costs are in
86 excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

87 (2) The development or improvement of real property when the
88 development costs are in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

89 (3) The acquisition of [public transportation] equipment or facilities
90 when the acquisition costs are in excess of one hundred thousand
91 dollars; and

92 (4) The authorization of each state grant or loan or the allocation of
93 any tax credit, any application for which is not pending on July 1, 1991,
94 for an amount in excess of one hundred thousand dollars. [, for the
95 acquisition or development or improvement of real property or for the
96 acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities.] A state
97 agency shall not implement an action unless the Secretary of the Office
98 of Policy and Management determines that such action conforms with
99 the plan.

100 (b) A state agency shall request, and the secretary shall provide, [an
101 advisory] statement commenting on the extent to which any of the
102 actions specified in subsection (a) of this section conforms to the plan
103 and any agency may request and the secretary shall provide such other
104 advisory reports as the state agency deems advisable.

105 (c) The secretary shall submit and the State Bond Commission shall
106 consider prior to the allocation of any bond funds for any of the actions
107 specified in subsection (a) [an advisory] a statement commenting on
108 the extent to which such action is in conformity with the plan of
109 conservation and development. The commission shall not approve an

110 allocation of bond funds unless the secretary determines that the
111 allocation conforms with the plan.

112 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, The University of
113 Connecticut shall request, and the secretary shall provide, an advisory
114 statement commenting on the extent the projects included in the third
115 phase of UConn 2000, as defined in subdivision (25) of section 10a-
116 109c, conform to the plan and the university may request and the
117 secretary shall provide such other advisory reports as the university
118 deems advisable. Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, the
119 secretary shall submit and the State Bond Commission shall consider
120 prior to the approval of the master resolution or indenture for
121 securities for the third phase of UConn 2000, pursuant to subsection (c)
122 of section 10a-109g, the advisory statement prepared under this
123 subsection.

124 (e) Whenever a state agency is required by state or federal law to
125 prepare a plan, it shall consider the state plan of conservation and
126 development in the preparation of such plan. A draft of such plan shall
127 be submitted to the secretary who shall provide for the preparer of the
128 plan an advisory report commenting on the extent to which the
129 proposed plan conforms to the state plan of conservation and
130 development. The state agency shall not implement the plan unless the
131 secretary determines that such plan conforms to the state plan of
132 conservation and development.

133 Sec. 4. Section 4-124d of the general statutes is repealed and the
134 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

135 The council shall consider such matters of a public nature common
136 to two or more members of the council as it deems appropriate,
137 including matters affecting the air, land, water supply, health, safety,
138 welfare, education and economic conditions of the area comprised by
139 its members. The council shall promote cooperative arrangements and
140 coordinate action among its members and make recommendations
141 therefor to the members and such other public agencies as exist or

142 perform functions within the region or regions.

143 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Any regional council of
144 governments, organized under the provisions of section 4-124i to 4-
145 124p, inclusive, of the general statutes may establish a process for
146 review of projects of regional significance. Such process shall establish
147 criteria and procedures for approving or rejecting such projects and for
148 their review. As used in this section, a project of regional significance
149 means a project subject to review by the State Traffic Commission
150 pursuant to section 14-311 of the general statutes.

151 (b) On or after the establishment of the process provided for in
152 subsection (a) of this section, no project of regional significance may be
153 implemented unless it is approved by the regional council of
154 government for the area in which the project is located.

155 Sec. 6. Section 8-35a of the general statutes is repealed and the
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

157 (a) At least once every ten years, each regional planning agency
158 shall make a plan of development for its area of operation, showing its
159 recommendations for the general use of the area including land use,
160 housing, principal highways and freeways, bridges, airports, parks,
161 playgrounds, recreational areas, schools, public institutions, public
162 utilities, agriculture and such other matters as, in the opinion of the
163 agency, will be beneficial to the area. Any regional plan so developed
164 shall be based on studies of physical, social, economic and
165 governmental conditions and trends and shall be designed to promote
166 with the greatest efficiency and economy the coordinated development
167 of its area of operation and the general welfare and prosperity of its
168 people. Such plan may encourage energy-efficient patterns of
169 development, the use of solar and other renewable forms of energy,
170 and energy conservation. Such plan shall be designed to promote
171 abatement of the pollution of the waters and air of the region. The plan
172 shall include provisions for disaster response and regional purchase of
173 interoperable equipment and communication devices for first

174 responders. The regional plan shall identify areas where it is feasible
175 and prudent (1) to have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-
176 oriented mixed use development patterns and land reuse, and (2) to
177 promote such development patterns and land reuse and shall note any
178 inconsistencies with the following growth management principles: (A)
179 Redevelopment and revitalization of regional centers and areas of
180 mixed land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure; (B)
181 expansion of housing opportunities and design choices to
182 accommodate a variety of household types and needs; (C)
183 concentration of development around transportation nodes and along
184 major transportation corridors to support the viability of
185 transportation options and land reuse; (D) conservation and
186 restoration of the natural environment, cultural and historical
187 resources and traditional rural lands; (E) protection of environmental
188 assets critical to public health and safety; and (F) integration of
189 planning across all levels of government to address issues on a local,
190 regional and state-wide basis. The plan shall identify measurable
191 economies of scale for government functions, including, but not
192 limited to, health districts, planning assistance and interoperable
193 geographic information system mapping of the region, compatible
194 with the state geographic information system. The plan of each region
195 contiguous to Long Island Sound shall be designed to reduce hypoxia,
196 pathogens, toxic contaminants and floatable debris in Long Island
197 Sound.

198 (b) The regional planning agency shall prepare and include in the
199 plan a comprehensive economic development strategy. In developing
200 the strategy the agency shall:

201 (1) Evaluate economic development in the region, and shall include
202 a review of population, geography, workforce development and
203 employment, transportation access and resources, environment and
204 any other aspects of the region's economy the commissioner deems
205 appropriate;

206 (2) Analyze economic and community development problems and

207 opportunities in the state, including (A) review of other government
208 sponsored or supported plans and applicable state and local workforce
209 investment strategies, and (B) identification of past, present and
210 projected future economic development investments in the region;

211 (3) Define economic development problems of the region and
212 establish goals and objectives to solve the economic development of
213 such problems;

214 (4) Provide for community and private sector participation in
215 implementation of the plan;

216 (5) List all projects and estimated numbers of jobs to be created from
217 such projects;

218 (6) Identify and prioritize vital projects, programs and activities that
219 address the state's greatest needs or that best enhance the state's
220 competitiveness and identify sources of funding for past and potential
221 future investments;

222 (7) Identify economic clusters that are growing or declining within
223 the region;

224 (8) Propose a plan of action to implement the following goals: (A)
225 Promoting economic development and opportunity, (B) fostering
226 effective transportation access, (C) enhancing and protecting the
227 environment, (D) maximizing the effective development and use of the
228 workforce consistent with applicable state or local workforce
229 investment strategy, (E) promoting the use of technology in economic
230 development, including access to high-speed telecommunications, (F)
231 balancing resources through sound management of physical
232 development, and (G) obtaining and utilizing adequate funds and
233 other resources;

234 (9) List performance measures to evaluate successful development
235 and implementation of the plan, including, but not limited to, (A) the
236 number of jobs created after implementation of the plan, (B) the

237 number and types of public and private investments undertaken in the
238 region, (C) the number of jobs retained, (D) the amount of private
239 sector investment in the region after implementation of the plan, and
240 (E) changes in the economic environment of the region; and

241 (10) Outline the methodology for integrating the plan with regional
242 economic priorities.

243 [(b)] (c) Before adopting the regional plan of development or any
244 part thereof or amendment thereto the agency shall hold at least one
245 public hearing thereon, notice of the time, place and subject of which
246 shall be given in writing to the chief executive officer and planning
247 commission, where one exists, of each member town, city or borough.
248 Notice of the time, place and subject of such hearing shall be published
249 once in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the region. At
250 least sixty-five days before the public hearing the regional planning
251 agency shall post the plan on the Internet web site of the agency, if
252 any, and submit the plan to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
253 Management for findings in the form of comments and
254 recommendations. Such findings shall include a review of the plan to
255 determine if the proposed regional plan of development [is not
256 inconsistent] conforms with the state plan of conservation and
257 development and the state comprehensive economic development
258 plan. Such notices shall be given not more than twenty days nor less
259 than ten days before such hearing. [The regional planning agency shall
260 note on the record any inconsistency with the state plan of
261 conservation and development and the reasons for such
262 inconsistency.] Adoption of the plan or part thereof or amendment
263 thereto shall be made by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority
264 of the representatives on the agency. The plan shall be posted on the
265 Internet web site of the agency, if any, and a copy of the plan or of any
266 amendments thereto, signed by the chairman of the agency, shall be
267 transmitted to the chief executive officers, the town, city or borough
268 clerks, as the case may be, and to planning commissions, if any, in
269 member towns, cities or boroughs, and to the Secretary of the Office of
270 Policy and Management, or his designee. The regional planning

271 agency shall notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
272 Management of any inconsistency with the state plan of conservation
273 and development and the reasons therefor.

274 [(c)] (d) The regional planning agency shall revise the plan of
275 development not more than three years after July 1, 2005.

276 [(d)] (e) The regional planning agency shall assist municipalities
277 within its region and state agencies and may assist other public and
278 private agencies in developing and carrying out any regional plan or
279 plans of such regional planning agency. The regional planning agency
280 may provide administrative, management, technical or planning
281 assistance to municipalities within its region and other public agencies
282 under such terms as it may determine, provided, prior to entering into
283 an agreement for assistance to any municipality or other public
284 agency, the regional planning agency shall have adopted a policy
285 governing such assistance. The regional planning agency may be
286 compensated by the municipality or other public agency with which
287 an agreement for assistance has been made for all or part of the cost of
288 such assistance.

289 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There is established a
290 responsible growth planning grant program which shall be
291 administered by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
292 The purpose of the program shall be to provide financial assistance to
293 municipalities to upgrade planning and zoning regulations with
294 responsible growth provisions in order to qualify for grants under
295 section 8 of this act.

296 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
297 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
298 statutes, for the administration of this section, including the
299 establishment of eligibility requirements, funding limitations and the
300 application process.

301 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There is established a
302 responsible growth planning program which shall be administered by

303 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. The purpose of
304 the program shall be to provide grants to municipalities that (1) adopt
305 responsible growth planning and zoning regulations, and (2)
306 participate in regional activities that support responsible growth and
307 are coordinated by the regional councils of government or regional
308 councils of elected officials.

309 (b) To be eligible for a grant under this section, a municipality shall
310 submit information to the secretary sufficient for the secretary to
311 determine that:

312 (1) The municipality has (A) zoning regulations that are consistent
313 with the plan of conservation and development of the municipality, (B)
314 provided for transit-oriented development within walkable or bikable
315 distance from a transit center, (C) established density bonuses for
316 housing where there is supporting infrastructure, and (D) has adopted
317 approval processes for land use application that are predictable and
318 efficient and based on clear standards;

319 (2) The municipality is a member of a regional council of
320 government that (A) has a plan of development for its area of
321 operation that conforms with state plan of conservation and
322 development adopted under part I of chapter 297 of the general
323 statutes and plans of conservation and development adopted by
324 member municipalities, (B) has adopted a process to review projects of
325 regional significance under section 5 of this act, and (C) has updated its
326 plan of development, required under section 8-35a of the general
327 statutes, as amended by this act, to include a comprehensive economic
328 development strategy; and

329 (3) At least sixty per cent of the municipalities that are members of
330 the regional council of government of the applicant municipality have
331 (A) adopted municipal plans of conservation and development
332 consistent with the regional plan of development and the state plan of
333 conservation and development; (B) documented participation in the
334 preparation of the regional plan of development and the state plan of

335 conservation and development; and (C) zoning regulations in place
336 that encourage mixed-use or mixed-income development or provide
337 for overlay zones permitting mixed-use or mixed-income
338 development.

339 (c) In each fiscal year, the amount of any grant to a municipality
340 under this section shall be equal to one-half of the total of the share of
341 the municipality for town aid under section 13a-17b of the general
342 statutes and for local capital improvements under section 7-536 of the
343 general statutes multiplied by the amount of funds appropriated for
344 this section.

345 (d) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
346 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
347 statutes, for the administration of this section, including the
348 establishment of the application procedures and criteria for making
349 determinations under subsection (b) of this section.

350 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) There is established a
351 regional efficiency grant program which shall be administered by the
352 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. The purpose of the
353 program shall be to provide financial assistance to municipalities who
354 are members of regional councils of government in which sixty per
355 cent of the member municipalities have (1) adopted revenue sharing
356 under sections 12 to 17, inclusive, of this act; (2) participated in
357 regional initiatives that consolidate the delivery of municipal services,
358 including, but not limited to, joint-service delivery or joint contracting
359 for service delivery of functions including, but not limited to,
360 education, public safety, employee benefits and public works that
361 consolidate; or (3) are members of a regional asset district established
362 under the provisions of sections 18 to 25, inclusive, of this act. A
363 regional council of government shall be eligible for a grant under this
364 section if at least sixty per cent of the municipalities that are members
365 of the regional council of government of which the applicant
366 municipality is a member have met any of the criteria of subdivisions
367 (1) to (3), inclusive, of this subsection.

368 (b) Each regional council of government applying for a grant under
369 this section shall file with the secretary an application. Not later than
370 sixty days after receipt of such application, the secretary may issue a
371 certificate of eligibility for the grant. The regional council of
372 government may annually file an application for the grant and
373 certificate of eligibility.

374 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
375 adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general
376 statutes, for the administration of this section, including the
377 establishment of the application procedures.

378 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The regional council of
379 government shall use the grant received under section 9 of this act for
380 grants to member municipalities. In each fiscal year, the amount of any
381 grant to a municipality under this section shall be equal to one-half of
382 the total of the share of the municipality for town aid under section
383 13a-17b of the general statutes and for local capital improvements
384 under section 7-536 of the general statutes multiplied by the amount of
385 funds appropriated for this section.

386 Sec. 11. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Upon submission by a
387 regional council of government of a certificate of eligibility for a
388 regional efficiency grant under section 9 of this act, the Commissioner
389 of Revenue Services shall segregate one per cent of the gross receipts
390 from the sales within the meaning of subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
391 of section 12-407 of the general statutes in such regional council of
392 government.

393 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall adopt regulations,
394 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes,
395 with respect to accounting procedures to implement the provisions of
396 this section.

397 Sec. 12. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) As used in sections 13 to 17,
398 inclusive, of this act:

399 (1) "Regional council of government" means any regional council of
400 governments, organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-
401 124p, inclusive, of the general statutes.

402 (2) "Fiscal capacity of a municipality" means the fair market value of
403 all taxable real and personal property, determined as of January
404 second of any year, divided by its population, determined as of a date
405 in the same year.

406 (3) "Net tax capacity" means the fair market value of real and
407 personal property multiplied by its net tax capacity rates determined
408 in accordance with section 16 of this act.

409 (b) Any regional council of government may establish a revenue
410 sharing program pursuant to the provisions of this section and sections
411 13 to 17, inclusive, of this act.

412 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) On or before August fifth
413 annually, the assessors of each municipality that is a member of the
414 regional council of government shall determine and certify to such
415 regional council of government the net tax capacity in that year of
416 commercial-industrial property subject to taxation within such
417 municipality.

418 Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) On or before July fifteenth,
419 annually, each municipality shall determine the amount, if any, by
420 which the net tax capacity determined in the preceding year under
421 section 13 of this act of commercial-industrial property subject to
422 taxation within each municipality in the year the regional council of
423 government adopted the provisions of sections 12 to 17, inclusive, of
424 this act exceeds the net tax capacity in year the regional council of
425 government of commercial-industrial property subject to taxation
426 within that municipality. The increase in total net tax capacity
427 determined by this section shall be reduced by the amount of any
428 decreases in net tax capacity of commercial-industrial property
429 resulting from any court decisions, court related stipulation
430 agreements, or abatements for a prior year, in the amount of such

431 decreases made during the twelve-month period ending on May first
432 of the current assessment year, where such decreases, if originally
433 reflected in the determination of a prior year's net tax capacity, would
434 have resulted in a smaller contribution from the municipality in that
435 year. An adjustment for such decreases shall be made only if the
436 municipality made a contribution in a prior year based on the higher
437 net tax capacity of the commercial-industrial property.

438 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Each municipality shall
439 certify the determinations under sections 13 and 14 of this act to the
440 regional council of government on or before August first, annually.
441 Such regional council of government shall determine an amount equal
442 to forty per cent of the sum of the amounts certified under section 14 of
443 this act. The resulting amount shall be known as the "area-wide net tax
444 capacity for(year)".

445 (b) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
446 certify to the regional council of government, on or before August
447 tenth, annually, the population of each municipality for the preceding
448 year, the proportion of that population which resides within the area,
449 the average fiscal capacity of all municipalities in the area for the
450 preceding year and the fiscal capacity of each municipality in the area
451 for the preceding year.

452 (c) The regional council of government shall determine, for each
453 municipality, the product of (1) its population, and (2) the proportion
454 which the average fiscal capacity of municipalities for the preceding
455 year bears to the fiscal capacity of that municipality for the preceding
456 year. The product shall be the area-wide tax base distribution index for
457 that municipality.

458 (d) The regional planning agency shall determine the proportion
459 which the index of each municipality bears to the sum of the indices of
460 all municipalities and shall then multiply this proportion in the case of
461 each municipality, by the area-wide net tax capacity.

462 (e) The result of the procedure prescribed by subsection (d) of this

463 section shall be known as the "area-wide net tax capacity for(year)
464 attributable to(municipality)". The regional council of
465 government shall certify such product to the municipality on or before
466 August fifteenth.

467 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The regional council of
468 government shall determine the net tax capacity of each municipality
469 within the regional council of government in the manner prescribed by
470 this section.

471 (b) The net tax capacity of a municipality is its net tax capacity,
472 subject to the following adjustments:

473 (1) There shall be subtracted from its net tax capacity, in each
474 municipality, an amount which bears the same proportion to forty per
475 cent of the amount certified in that year for the municipality as the
476 total preceding year's net tax capacity of commercial-industrial
477 property which is subject to the taxing jurisdiction of the municipality
478 within the municipality, bears to the total preceding year's net tax
479 capacity of commercial-industrial property within the municipality.

480 (2) There shall be added to its net tax capacity, in each municipality,
481 an amount which bears the same proportion to the area-wide net tax
482 capacity for the year attributable to that municipality as the total
483 preceding year's net tax capacity of residential property which is
484 subject to the taxing jurisdiction of the municipality within the
485 municipality bears to the total preceding year's net tax capacity of
486 residential property of the municipality.

487 (c) The regional council of government shall apportion the levy of
488 each municipality in the regional council of government in the manner
489 prescribed by this subsection. The regional council of government
490 shall:

491 (1) By August twentieth, determine the area-wide portion of the
492 levy for each municipality by multiplying the local tax rate of the
493 municipality for the preceding levy year times the distribution value

494 set forth in subsection (b) of this section; and

495 (2) By September fifth, determine the local portion of the current
496 year's levy by subtracting the resulting amount from subdivisions (1)
497 of subsection (b) of this section from the municipality's current year's
498 levy.

499 (d) On or before August twenty-fifth, the municipality shall certify
500 to the regional council of government that portion of the levy of each
501 municipality determined under subsection (b) of this section. The
502 regional council of government shall then determine the area-wide tax
503 rate sufficient to yield an amount equal to the sum of such levies from
504 the area-wide net tax capacity. On or before September first, annually,
505 the regional council of government shall certify the area-wide tax rate
506 to each municipality.

507 (e) The area-wide tax rate shall apply to each commercial-industrial
508 property subject to taxation within a municipality to that portion of the
509 net tax capacity of the item which bears the same proportion to its total
510 net tax capacity as forty per cent of the amount determined under
511 sections 15 and 16 of this act is to the amount determined under
512 section 13 of this act.

513 (f) The regional council of government shall determine for each
514 municipality the difference between the total levy on distribution
515 value, within the municipality and the total tax on contribution value
516 within the municipality. On or before May sixteenth, annually, the
517 regional council of government shall certify the differences so
518 determined to each municipality. The regional planning agency shall
519 certify to municipalities in which the total tax on contribution value
520 exceeds the total levy on distribution value the settlement the
521 municipality is to make to the other municipalities of the excess of the
522 total tax on contribution value over the total levy on distribution value
523 in the municipality. On or before June fifteenth and November
524 fifteenth annually, each municipality having a total tax on contribution
525 value in excess of the total levy on distribution value shall pay one-half

526 of the excess to the other municipalities in accordance with the
527 administrative auditors certification.

528 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) If there is a reassessment of
529 all or any portion of the property in a municipality other than in the
530 form of a mathematically prescribed adjustment of valuation, or if
531 omitted property is placed upon the tax rolls, and the reassessment has
532 not been completed or the property placed upon the rolls, as the case
533 may be, by November fifteenth, the net tax capacity of the affected
534 property shall, be determined from the tax information in the office of
535 the assessor of the municipality.

536 (b) If the reassessment, when completed and incorporated in the
537 certification of the net tax capacity of the municipality, or the listing of
538 omitted property, when placed on the rolls, results in an increase in the
539 net tax capacity of commercial-industrial property in the municipality
540 which differs from that used, for purposes of sections 13 to 15,
541 inclusive, of this act, the increase in the net tax capacity of commercial-
542 industrial property in that municipality in the succeeding year, as
543 otherwise computed, shall be adjusted in a like amount, by an increase
544 if the reassessment or listing discloses a larger increase than was used
545 for purposes of sections 13 to 15, inclusive, of this act, or by a decrease
546 if the reassessment or listing discloses a smaller increase than was used
547 for those purposes, provided that no adjustment shall reduce the
548 amount determined to an amount less than zero.

549 (c) The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not
550 apply to the determination of the net tax capacity of commercial-
551 industrial property and each item thereof.

552 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) If a municipality does not
553 certify its levy by November twenty-fifth, then its levy shall be deemed
554 to equal its levy in the preceding year.

555 (b) If a municipality certifies its levy on or before November twenty-
556 fifth, no change in its levy subsequent to that date shall be recognized.

557 (c) If, in any year, the levy employed in respect to a municipality,
558 and its actual levy as determined subsequent to November twenty-
559 fifth is a different amount, then its levy as otherwise determined in the
560 succeeding year shall, for purposes of those provisions, be increased in
561 the amount of the difference if the actual levy was greater than that
562 employed for purposes of those provisions, or decreased in the
563 amount of the difference if the actual levy was less than that employed
564 for purposes of those provisions.

565 Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) As used in sections 20 to 25,
566 inclusive, of this act:

567 (1) "Board" or "board of directors" means the governing body of a
568 regional assets district established pursuant to section 21 of this act;

569 (2) "Regional assets district" or "district" means any district established
570 pursuant to section 20 of this act;

571 (3) "Municipality" means a town, city or borough; and

572 (4) "Regional asset" means a civic, science, recreational, sports, arts,
573 transportation or cultural facility or project or a library which is part of a
574 multimunicipal system, but does not include schools or health care
575 facilities.

576 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Any regional council of
577 governments organized under the provisions of sections 4-124i to 4-124p,
578 inclusive, of the general statutes whose member towns represent fifty per
579 cent or more of the population in its planning region may, by concurrent
580 ordinance of the legislative body of each municipality that is a member
581 of such regional council of governments, as the case may be, establish a
582 regional assets district. Any two or more regional councils of
583 governments or councils of elected officials may jointly establish a
584 regional assets district.

585 (b) Any municipality may withdraw from a district by adoption of an
586 ordinance by its legislative body. Any such ordinance shall be effective

587 six months after such adoption.

588 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Each regional assets district
589 established pursuant to section 20 of this act shall be a body corporate
590 and politic. Any such district shall be a political subdivision of the state
591 established and created for the performance of an essential public and
592 government function.

593 (b) Each district shall continue in existence perpetually regardless of
594 any actions by a municipality except that the district may be terminated
595 pursuant to an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the
596 municipalities which transfers without impairment all of the
597 administrative, managerial or financial functions exercised with respect
598 to regional assets by the district to a municipality within the district.

599 (c) The district shall be governed by a board of directors, the
600 composition of which shall be part of the initial concurrent ordinance
601 authorizing the formation of the district. The members shall elect from
602 among themselves a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer
603 and such other officers as they may determine. A member may hold
604 more than one office of the board at any time. Members may serve
605 successive terms as officers of the board.

606 (d) The board shall meet as frequently as it deems appropriate but at
607 least once during each quarter of the fiscal year. A meeting of the board
608 shall be called by the chairperson upon request to the chairperson by at
609 least two members of the board. A majority of the members of the board
610 shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of
611 the board and for all other purposes, except that for the purposes of
612 making decisions regarding personnel matters, contracts and capital and
613 operating budgets, and deciding whether to enter into cooperation and
614 support agreements with regional assets, an affirmative vote of sixty per
615 cent of the members of the board shall be required.

616 Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Each regional assets district
617 established pursuant to section 20 of this act, shall have the following
618 powers and duties and may exercise such powers in its own name:

619 (1) To make, enter into and award contracts with any person,
620 association, partnership or corporation for the development, design,
621 financing, construction, improvement, maintenance, operation,
622 furnishing, fixturing, equipping and repair of regional assets;

623 (2) To conduct financial and performance reviews and audits of
624 regional assets;

625 (3) To conduct long-term planning necessary for the efficient and
626 effective operation and development of regional assets;

627 (4) To make bylaws with respect to the exercise of its own powers;

628 (5) To make, enter into and award contracts of every name and nature
629 and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying
630 out of its business;

631 (6) To accept grants and to enter into contracts, leases, subleases,
632 licenses or other transactions with any federal agency, state or political
633 subdivision, person, association, partnership or corporation;

634 (7) To procure insurance in such amounts and from such insurers as
635 the district may determine to be necessary or desirable for its purposes;

636 (8) To cooperate with any federal or state agency or political
637 subdivision; and

638 (9) To invest any funds not required for immediate disbursement.

639 (b) The district shall not employ personnel directly engaged in the
640 operation of regional assets, but may enter into contracts with municipal
641 and other public and private organizations for the operation and
642 financing of regional assets.

643 (c) The board of directors shall appoint an advisory board comprised
644 of representatives of business, nonprofit organizations, civic, municipal
645 and state leaders to assist the district in determining how best to spur
646 economic growth using regional asset funds. Each member of the

647 advisory board shall be appointed for a term of four years, except that of
648 the initial appointments, one-half shall serve for a term of two years and
649 one-half shall serve for a term of three years.

650 Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Each district may negotiate
651 and, by an affirmative vote of not less than sixty per cent of the board of
652 directors, enter into cooperation and support agreements with owners
653 and operators of regional assets which meet the eligibility criteria set
654 forth in subsection (b) of this section.

655 (b) In order to qualify for funding from a regional assets district, in
656 addition to any criteria established by the district, a regional asset shall
657 serve a significant number of residents outside the municipality in which
658 it is located, and receive funding from other public and private sources
659 within the region. In determining whether a regional asset is eligible for
660 funding, priority shall be given to regional assets located in a
661 municipality which is a distressed municipality, as defined in section
662 32-9p of the general statutes or a targeted investment community, as
663 defined in section 32-222 of the general statutes, or which qualifies for
664 urban action bond funds pursuant to section 4-66c of the general statutes.

665 (c) The cooperation and support agreement executed with the owner
666 and operator of each regional asset shall set forth a minimum level of
667 financial support for the regional asset that shall be provided by the
668 district in each of the first ten fiscal periods of the district, unless the
669 regional asset ceases operations at the option of its owner and operator.
670 The minimum level of financial support for a regional asset shall be not
671 less than the financial support for the regional asset provided by the
672 district during the first fiscal year of the agreement. If the minimum
673 funding levels cannot be satisfied because of the lack of adequate
674 resources, the minimum levels of funding for all regional assets shall be
675 reduced by an equal fraction so as to ensure that total obligations do not
676 exceed total revenues available to the district.

677 (d) The board shall conduct public hearings and meetings regarding
678 proposed cooperation and support agreements and any revisions to such

679 agreements.

680 Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Each fiscal year the board
681 shall adopt an operating and capital budget based upon all the
682 cooperation and support agreements executed with the owners and
683 operators of regional assets. The budget shall estimate the total revenues
684 required for the operating and capital expenses of the district including
685 revenues anticipated to fund such agreements.

686 (b) The board shall provide for an annual audit by an independent
687 certified public accounting firm of the district's fiscal records and other
688 records. A copy of such audit shall be sent to the Secretary of the Office
689 of Policy and Management.

690 (c) The fiscal year of any district established pursuant to sections 20 to
691 25, inclusive, of this act shall jointly be determined by the governing
692 body of a district and the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

693 (d) From the total amount of funds allocated to a regional assets
694 district in any fiscal year, the board of said district may deduct and retain
695 one per cent of the funds provided or thirty thousand dollars, whichever
696 is greater, for reasonable administrative costs.

697 Sec. 25. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Any municipality participating
698 in the district may (1) make grants from current revenues to the district
699 and to assist in defraying the costs of managing, operating, maintaining,
700 financing and servicing the debt of regional assets or parts of regional
701 assets, (2) enter into long-term agreements providing for payment of the
702 costs, and (3) enter into long-term leases or subleases as lessee or
703 sublessee of all or part of a regional asset. Obligations of the municipality
704 to make grants or lease or sublease payments to the district shall not
705 constitute debts of the municipality and shall be payable only to the
706 extent that current revenues of the municipality are available. Any such
707 municipality may issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of
708 obtaining funds for the acquisition or improvement of regional assets or
709 parts of regional assets.

710 Sec. 26. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Tax
711 Expenditure Review Committee which shall be comprised of the
712 following members: (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the
713 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
714 of matters relating to planning and development and finance, revenue
715 and bonding, or their designees; (2) one member appointed by each of
716 the following: The Governor, the president pro tempore of the Senate,
717 the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the
718 Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the
719 minority leader of the House of Representatives and the minority
720 leader of the Senate; and (3) the Commissioners of Revenue Services,
721 Economic and Community Development, Transportation and the
722 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or their designees.

723 (b) The task force shall review existing state tax expenditures and
724 spending and evaluate priorities for such expenditures and spending.
725 Such evaluation shall rank priorities for tax expenditures and spending
726 and shall include a recommendation on the priority of better land use
727 and improved municipal services.

728 (c) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
729 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task
730 force, from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
731 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
732 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

733 (d) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
734 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning
735 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

736 (e) Not later than January 1, 2009, the task force shall submit a
737 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
738 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
739 relating to planning and development and finance, revenue and
740 bonding, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
741 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it

742 submits such report on January 1, 2009, whichever is later.

743 Sec. 27. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Commissioner of Revenue
744 Services shall develop and disseminate a program to inform the public
745 about applicability of use taxes imposed under the provisions of
746 chapter 219 of the general statutes to purchases made on the Internet.
747 Such program shall include, but not be limited to, information on the
748 amount of the tax and methods of payment.

749 Sec. 28. Subsection (a) of section 12-700 of the general statutes is
750 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
751 *October 1, 2007, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after*
752 *January 1, 2007*):

753 (a) There is hereby imposed on the Connecticut taxable income of
754 each resident of this state a tax:

755 (1) At the rate of four and one-half per cent of such Connecticut
756 taxable income for taxable years commencing on or after January 1,
757 1992, and prior to January 1, 1996.

758 (2) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 1996, but
759 prior to January 1, 1997, in accordance with the following schedule:

760 (A) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
761 for such taxable year as an unmarried individual or as a married
762 individual filing separately:

T1	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T2	Not over \$2,250	3.0%
T3	Over \$2,250	\$67.50, plus 4.5% of the
T4		excess over \$2,250

763 (B) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
764 for such taxable year as a head of household, as defined in Section 2(b)

765 of the Internal Revenue Code:

T5	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T6	Not over \$3,500	3.0%
T7	Over \$3,500	\$105.00, plus 4.5% of the
T8		excess over \$3,500

766 (C) For any husband and wife who file a return under the federal
 767 income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing jointly or
 768 a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a surviving
 769 spouse, as defined in Section 2(a) of the Internal Revenue Code:

T9	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T10	Not over \$4,500	3.0%
T11	Over \$4,500	\$135.00, plus 4.5% of the
T12		excess over \$4,500

770 (D) For trusts or estates, the rate of tax shall be 4.5% of their
 771 Connecticut taxable income.

772 (3) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 1997, but
 773 prior to January 1, 1998, in accordance with the following schedule:

774 (A) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
 775 for such taxable year as an unmarried individual or as a married
 776 individual filing separately:

T13	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T14	Not over \$6,250	3.0%

T15	Over \$6,250	\$187.50, plus 4.5% of the
T16		excess over \$6,250

777 (B) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
 778 for such taxable year as a head of household, as defined in Section 2(b)
 779 of the Internal Revenue Code:

T17	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T18	Not over \$10,000	3.0%
T19	Over \$10,000	\$300.00, plus 4.5% of the
T20		excess over \$10,000

780 (C) For any husband and wife who file a return under the federal
 781 income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing jointly or
 782 any person who files a return under the federal income tax for such
 783 taxable year as a surviving spouse, as defined in Section 2(a) of the
 784 Internal Revenue Code:

T21	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T22	Not over \$12,500	3.0%
T23	Over \$12,500	\$375.00, plus 4.5% of the
T24		excess over \$12,500

785 (D) For trusts or estates, the rate of tax shall be 4.5% of their
 786 Connecticut taxable income.

787 (4) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 1998, but
 788 prior to January 1, 1999, in accordance with the following schedule:

789 (A) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax

790 for such taxable year as an unmarried individual or as a married
791 individual filing separately:

T25	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T26	Not over \$7,500	3.0%
T27	Over \$7,500	\$225.00, plus 4.5% of the
T28		excess over \$7,500

792 (B) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
793 for such taxable year as a head of household, as defined in Section 2(b)
794 of the Internal Revenue Code:

T29	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T30	Not over \$12,000	3.0%
T31	Over \$12,000	\$360.00, plus 4.5% of the
T32		excess over \$12,000

795 (C) For any husband and wife who file a return under the federal
796 income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing jointly or
797 any person who files a return under the federal income tax for such
798 taxable year as a surviving spouse, as defined in Section 2(a) of the
799 Internal Revenue Code:

T33	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T34	Not over \$15,000	3.0%
T35	Over \$15,000	\$450.00, plus 4.5% of the
T36		excess over \$15,000

800 (D) For trusts or estates, the rate of tax shall be 4.5% of their
801 Connecticut taxable income.

802 (5) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 1999, but
803 prior to January 1, 2003, in accordance with the following schedule:

804 (A) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
805 for such taxable year as an unmarried individual or as a married
806 individual filing separately:

T37	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T38	Not over \$10,000	3.0%
T39	Over \$10,000	\$300.00, plus 4.5% of the
T40		excess over \$10,000

807 (B) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
808 for such taxable year as a head of household, as defined in Section 2(b)
809 of the Internal Revenue Code:

T41	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T42	Not over \$16,000	3.0%
T43	Over \$16,000	\$480.00, plus 4.5% of the
T44		excess over \$16,000

810 (C) For any husband and wife who file a return under the federal
811 income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing jointly or
812 any person who files a return under the federal income tax for such
813 taxable year as a surviving spouse, as defined in Section 2(a) of the
814 Internal Revenue Code:

T45	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T46	Not over \$20,000	3.0%
T47	Over \$20,000	\$600.00, plus 4.5% of the
T48		excess over \$20,000

815 (D) For trusts or estates, the rate of tax shall be 4.5% of their
 816 Connecticut taxable income.

817 (6) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2003, in
 818 accordance with the following schedule:

819 (A) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
 820 for such taxable year as an unmarried individual or as a married
 821 individual filing separately:

T49	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T50	Not over \$10,000	3.0%
T51	Over \$10,000	\$300.00, plus 5.0% of the
T52		excess over \$10,000

822 (B) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
 823 for such taxable year as a head of household, as defined in Section 2(b)
 824 of the Internal Revenue Code:

T53	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T54	Not over \$16,000	3.0%
T55	Over \$16,000	\$480.00, plus 5.0% of the
T56		excess over \$16,000

825 (C) For any husband and wife who file a return under the federal

826 income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing jointly or
827 any person who files a return under the federal income tax for such
828 taxable year as a surviving spouse, as defined in Section 2(a) of the
829 Internal Revenue Code:

T57	Connecticut Taxable Income	Rate of Tax
T58	Not over \$20,000	3.0%
T59	Over \$20,000	\$600.00, plus 5.0% of the
T60		excess over \$20,000

830 (D) For trusts or estates, the rate of tax shall be 5.0% of the
831 Connecticut taxable income.

832 (7) For taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2007, in
833 accordance with the following schedule:

834 (A) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
835 for such taxable year as an unmarried individual or as a married
836 individual filing separately:

T61	<u>Connecticut Taxable Income</u>	<u>Rate of Tax</u>
T62	<u>Not over \$10,000</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
T63	<u>Over \$10,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$300.00, plus 5.0% of the excess</u>
T64	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>over \$10,000</u>
T65	<u>Over \$200,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$10,000, plus 5.75% of the excess</u>
T66	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>over \$200,000</u>
T67	<u>Over \$500,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$28,750, plus 6.0% of the excess</u>
T68	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>over \$500,000</u>
T69	<u>Over \$1,000,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$60,000, plus 6.5% of the excess</u>
T70	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>over \$1,000,000</u>
T71	<u>Over \$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$130,000, plus 7.0% of the excess</u>
T72		<u>over \$2,000,000</u>

837 (B) For any person who files a return under the federal income tax
838 for such taxable year as a head of household, as defined in Section 2(b)

839 of the Internal Revenue Code:

T73	<u>Connecticut Taxable Income</u>	<u>Rate of Tax</u>
T74	<u>Not over \$16,000</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
T75	<u>Over \$16,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$480.00, plus 5.0% of the excess</u>
T76	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>over \$16,000</u>
T77	<u>Over \$200,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$10,000, plus 5.75% of the excess</u>
T78	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>over \$200,000</u>
T79	<u>Over \$500,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$28,750, plus 6.0% of the excess</u>
T80	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>over \$500,000</u>
T81	<u>Over \$1,000,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$60,000, plus 6.5% of the excess</u>
T82	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>over \$1,000,000</u>
T83	<u>Over \$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$130,000, plus 7.0% of the excess</u>
T84		<u>over \$2,000,000</u>

840 (C) For any husband and wife who file a return under the federal
 841 income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing jointly or
 842 any person who files a return under the federal income tax for such
 843 taxable year as a surviving spouse, as defined in Section 2(a) of the
 844 Internal Revenue Code:

T85	<u>Connecticut Taxable Income</u>	<u>Rate of Tax</u>
T86	<u>Not over \$20,000</u>	<u>3.0%</u>
T87	<u>Over \$20,000, but not over</u>	<u>\$600.00, plus 5.0% of the excess</u>
T88	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>over \$20,000</u>
T89	<u>Over \$200,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$10,000, plus 5.75% of the excess</u>
T90	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>over \$200,000</u>
T91	<u>Over \$500,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$28,750, plus 6.0% of the excess</u>
T92	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>over \$500,000</u>
T93	<u>Over \$1,000,000 but not over</u>	<u>\$60,000, plus 6.5% of the excess</u>
T94	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>over \$1,000,000</u>
T95	<u>Over \$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$130,000, plus 7.0% of the excess</u>
T96		<u>over \$2,000,000</u>

845 (D) For trusts or estates, the rate of tax shall be 5.0% of the
 846 Connecticut taxable income.

847 [(7)] (8) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to resident
848 trusts and estates and, wherever reference is made in this subsection to
849 residents of this state, such reference shall be construed to include
850 resident trusts and estates, provided any reference to a resident's
851 Connecticut adjusted gross income derived from sources without this
852 state or to a resident's Connecticut adjusted gross income shall be
853 construed, in the case of a resident trust or estate, to mean the resident
854 trust or estate's Connecticut taxable income derived from sources
855 without this state and the resident trust or estate's Connecticut taxable
856 income, respectively.

857 Sec. 29. Section 12-19a of the general statutes is repealed and the
858 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007, and*
859 *applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2007*):

860 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of
861 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due, as a state
862 grant in lieu of taxes, to each town in this state wherein state-owned
863 real property, reservation land held in trust by the state for an Indian
864 tribe or a municipally owned airport, except that which was acquired
865 and used for highways and bridges, but not excepting property
866 acquired and used for highway administration or maintenance
867 purposes, is located. The grant payable to any town under the
868 provisions of this section in the state fiscal year commencing July 1,
869 1999, and each fiscal year thereafter, shall be equal to the total of (1) (A)
870 one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been
871 paid with respect to any facility designated by the Commissioner of
872 Correction, on or before August first of each year, to be a correctional
873 facility administered under the auspices of the Department of
874 Correction or a juvenile detention center under direction of the
875 Department of Children and Families that was used for incarcerative
876 purposes during the preceding fiscal year. If a list containing the name
877 and location of such designated facilities and information concerning
878 their use for purposes of incarceration during the preceding fiscal year
879 is not available from the Secretary of the State on the first day of
880 August of any year, said commissioner shall, on said first day of

881 August, certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
882 Management a list containing such information, (B) one hundred per
883 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
884 that portion of the John Dempsey Hospital located at The University of
885 Connecticut Health Center in Farmington that is used as a permanent
886 medical ward for prisoners under the custody of the Department of
887 Correction. Nothing in this section shall be construed as designating
888 any portion of The University of Connecticut Health Center John
889 Dempsey Hospital as a correctional facility, and (C) in the state fiscal
890 year commencing July 1, 2001, and each fiscal year thereafter, one
891 hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid
892 on any land designated within the 1983 Settlement boundary and
893 taken into trust by the federal government for the Mashantucket
894 Pequot Tribal Nation on or after June 8, 1999, (2) subject to the
895 provisions of [subsection (c)] subsections (c) and (g) of this section,
896 sixty-five per cent of the property taxes which would have been paid
897 with respect to the buildings and grounds comprising Connecticut
898 Valley Hospital in Middletown. Such grant shall commence with the
899 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and continuing each year thereafter,
900 (3) notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this
901 section, with respect to any town in which more than fifty per cent of
902 the property is state-owned real property, one hundred per cent of the
903 property taxes which would have been paid with respect to such state-
904 owned property. Such grant shall commence with the fiscal year
905 beginning July 1, 1997, and continuing each year thereafter, (4) subject
906 to the provisions of [subsection (c)] subsections (c) and (f) of this
907 section, forty-five per cent of the property taxes which would have
908 been paid with respect to all other state-owned real property, and (5)
909 subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of this section, forty-five per
910 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
911 all municipally owned airports; except for the exemption applicable to
912 such property, on the assessment list in such town for the assessment
913 date two years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in
914 which such grant is payable. The grant provided pursuant to this
915 section for any municipally owned airport shall be paid to any

916 municipality in which the airport is located, except that the grant
917 applicable to Sikorsky Airport shall be paid half to the town of
918 Stratford and half to the city of Bridgeport. [For the fiscal year ending
919 June 30, 2000, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the
920 grant payable to each municipality in accordance with this section
921 shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of such
922 grants in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes
923 of this section with respect to such year.]

924 (b) As used in this section "total tax levied" means the total real
925 property tax levy in such town for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal
926 year in which a grant in lieu of taxes under this section is made,
927 reduced by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management in an
928 amount equal to all reimbursements certified as payable to such town
929 by the secretary for real property exemptions and credits on the
930 taxable grand list or rate bill of such town for the assessment year that
931 corresponds to that for which the assessed valuation of the state-
932 owned land and buildings has been provided. For purposes of this
933 section and section 12-19b, any real property which is owned by the
934 John Dempsey Hospital Finance Corporation established pursuant to
935 the provisions of sections 10a-250 to 10a-263, inclusive, or by one or
936 more subsidiary corporations established pursuant to subdivision (13)
937 of section 10a-254 and which is free from taxation pursuant to the
938 provisions of subdivision (13) of section 10a-259 shall be deemed to be
939 state-owned real property. As used in this section and section 12-19b,
940 "town" includes borough.

941 (c) In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, and in each fiscal year
942 thereafter, the portion of the grant payable to any town as determined
943 in accordance with subdivisions (2) and (4) of subsection (a) of this
944 section, shall not be greater than the following percentage of total tax
945 levied by such town on real property in the preceding calendar year as
946 follows: (1) In the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, ten per cent, (2) in
947 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, twelve per cent, (3) in the fiscal
948 year ending June 30, 1993, fourteen per cent, (4) in the fiscal year
949 ending June 30, 1994, twenty-seven per cent, (5) in the fiscal year

950 ending June 30, 1995, thirty-five per cent, (6) in the fiscal year ending
951 June 30, 1996, forty-two per cent, (7) in the fiscal year ending June 30,
952 1997, forty-nine per cent, (8) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998,
953 fifty-six per cent, (9) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, sixty-three
954 per cent, (10) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, seventy per cent,
955 (11) in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, seventy-seven per cent, (12)
956 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, eighty-four per cent, (13) in the
957 fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, ninety-two per cent, and (14) in the
958 fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, and in each fiscal year thereafter, one
959 hundred per cent.

960 (d) In the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999, and in each fiscal
961 year thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation shall pay from the
962 Bradley International Airport Enterprise Fund to the State
963 Comptroller, on or before September fifteenth, the portion of the state
964 grant in lieu of taxes payable under the provisions of this section at the
965 rate of twenty per cent of the property taxes which would have been
966 paid to the towns of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor
967 Locks for real property located at Bradley International Airport. Such
968 payment shall be credited to the appropriation from the General Fund
969 for reimbursements to towns for loss of taxes on state property.

970 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section in effect prior to
971 January 1, 1997, any grant in lieu of taxes on state-owned real property
972 made to any town in excess of seven and one-half per cent of the total
973 tax levied on real property by such town is validated.

974 (f) In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and in each fiscal year
975 thereafter, the amount of the grant provided pursuant to subdivisions
976 (2), (4) and (5) of subsection (a) of this section shall be one hundred per
977 cent of the property taxes which would have been paid with respect to
978 all other state-owned real property.

979 Sec. 30. Section 12-20a of the general statutes is repealed and the
980 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

981 (a) On or before January first, annually, the Secretary of the Office of

982 Policy and Management shall determine the amount due to each
983 municipality in the state, in accordance with this section, as a state
984 grant in lieu of taxes with respect to real property owned by any
985 private nonprofit institution of higher learning or any nonprofit
986 general hospital facility or free standing chronic disease hospital or an
987 urgent care facility that operates for at least twelve hours a day and
988 that had been the location of a nonprofit general hospital for at least a
989 portion of calendar year 1996 to receive payments in lieu of taxes for
990 such property, exclusive of any such facility operated by the federal
991 government, except a campus of the United States Department of
992 Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems, or the state of
993 Connecticut or any subdivision thereof. As used in this section "private
994 nonprofit institution of higher learning" means any such institution, as
995 defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-34, or any independent college
996 or university, as defined in section 10a-37, that is engaged primarily in
997 education beyond the high school level, and offers courses of
998 instruction for which college or university-level credit may be given or
999 may be received by transfer, the property of which is exempt from
1000 property tax under any of the subdivisions of section 12-81; "nonprofit
1001 general hospital facility" means any such facility which is used
1002 primarily for the purpose of general medical care and treatment,
1003 exclusive of any hospital facility used primarily for the care and
1004 treatment of special types of disease or physical or mental conditions;
1005 and "free standing chronic disease hospital" means a facility which
1006 provides for the care and treatment of chronic diseases, excluding any
1007 such facility having an ownership affiliation with and operated in the
1008 same location as a chronic and convalescent nursing home.

1009 (b) The grant payable to any municipality under the provisions of
1010 this section in the state fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999, and [in
1011 each fiscal year thereafter] until the fiscal year commencing July 1,
1012 2007, shall be equal to seventy-seven per cent of the property taxes
1013 which, except for any exemption applicable to any such institution of
1014 higher education or general hospital facility under the provisions of
1015 section 12-81, would have been paid with respect to such exempt real

1016 property on the assessment list in such municipality for the assessment
1017 date two years prior to the commencement of the state fiscal year in
1018 which such grant is payable. [The amount of the grant payable to each
1019 municipality in any year in accordance with this section shall be
1020 reduced proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in
1021 such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this
1022 section with respect to such year.] In the state fiscal year commencing
1023 July 1, 2008, and in each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grant
1024 shall be one hundred per cent of the property taxes which would have
1025 been paid with respect to such property.

1026 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,
1027 the amount of the grant payable to any municipality under the
1028 provisions of this section with respect to a campus of the United States
1029 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare Systems shall
1030 be as follows: (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, twenty per
1031 cent of the amount payable in accordance with said subsection (b); (2)
1032 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, forty per cent of such amount;
1033 (3) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, sixty per cent of such
1034 amount; (4) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, eighty per cent of
1035 such amount; (5) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each
1036 fiscal year thereafter, one hundred per cent of such amount.

1037 (d) As used in this section and section 12-20b, the word
1038 "municipality" means any town, consolidated town and city,
1039 consolidated town and borough, borough, district, as defined in
1040 section 7-324, and any city not consolidated with a town.)

1041 Sec. 31. Section 10-76g of the general statutes is amended by adding
1042 subsections (e) and (f) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

1043 (NEW) (e) Any school district, except a state-operated school
1044 district, which provides special education in accordance with
1045 regulations adopted pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-76g, inclusive,
1046 for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision
1047 (5) of section 10-76a, shall, for each fiscal year, be reimbursed for a

1048 percentage of its net cost of special education for the preceding fiscal
1049 year, as defined in subsection (h) of section 10-76f, equal to the
1050 percentage such school district would be eligible to receive pursuant to
1051 subsection (f) of this section. Applications for such reimbursements
1052 shall be made not later than October first, and all such reimbursements
1053 shall be paid not later than December fifteenth, provided, if a school
1054 district submits after November first the audited data, pursuant to
1055 section 10-227, upon which reimbursements are based or if the data
1056 submitted would result in increased reimbursements in excess of one
1057 hundred twenty per cent of the reimbursements for the prior fiscal
1058 year, then not less than eighty-five per cent of the estimated
1059 reimbursements based upon the prior year's reported expenditures
1060 shall be paid not later than December fifteenth and the adjusted
1061 balance shall be paid not later than March first.

1062 (NEW) (f) A school district providing special education in
1063 accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to sections 10-76a to 10-
1064 76g, inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A)
1065 of subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, shall be eligible annually for
1066 reimbursement as follows:

1067 (1) The percentage of the net cost of special education aid a local
1068 board of education shall receive, under the provisions of this section,
1069 shall be determined as follows: (A) Each town shall be ranked in
1070 descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to
1071 such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in
1072 section 10-261; (B) based upon such ranking, and notwithstanding the
1073 provisions of section 2-32a, a percentage of not less than forty nor more
1074 than seventy-five shall be determined for each town on a continuous
1075 scale.

1076 (2) The percentage of the net cost of special education a regional
1077 board of education shall receive under the provisions of this section
1078 shall be determined by its ranking. Such ranking shall be determined
1079 by (A) multiplying the total population, as defined in section 10-261, of
1080 each town in the district by such town's ranking, as determined in

1081 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures for
1082 each town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
1083 and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this
1084 subdivision by the total population of all towns in the district. The
1085 ranking of each regional board of education shall be rounded to the
1086 next higher whole number and each such board shall receive the same
1087 reimbursement percentage as would a town with the same rank.

1088 (3) The percentage of the net cost of special education a regional
1089 educational service center shall receive under the provisions of this
1090 section and section 10-66i shall be determined by its ranking. Such
1091 ranking shall be determined by (A) multiplying the total population, as
1092 defined in section 10-261, of each member town in the regional
1093 educational service center by such town's ranking, as determined in
1094 subdivision (1) of this subsection, (B) adding together the figures for
1095 each town determined under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision,
1096 and (C) dividing the total computed under subparagraph (B) of this
1097 subdivision by the total population of all member towns in the
1098 regional educational service center. The ranking of each regional
1099 educational service center shall be rounded to the next higher whole
1100 number and each such center shall receive the same reimbursement
1101 percentage as would a town with the same rank.

1102 Sec. 32. Subdivision (9) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
1103 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1104 *1, 2007*):

1105 (9) "Foundation" means (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990,
1106 three thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars, (B) for the fiscal year
1107 ending June 30, 1991, four thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars,
1108 (C) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, four thousand four
1109 hundred eighty-six dollars, (D) for the fiscal years ending June 30,
1110 1993, June 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, four thousand eight hundred
1111 dollars, (E) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, and
1112 June 30, 1998, five thousand seven hundred eleven dollars, (F) for the
1113 fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, five thousand seven hundred seventy-

1114 five dollars, [and] (G) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June
1115 30, 2007, inclusive, five thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars,
1116 and (H) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year
1117 thereafter, eight thousand one hundred twenty-two dollars.

1118 Sec. 33. Subdivision (24) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
1119 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1120 *1, 2007*):

1121 (24) "State guaranteed wealth level" means (A) for the fiscal year
1122 ending June 30, 1990, 1.8335 times the town wealth of the town with
1123 the median wealth as calculated using the data of record on December
1124 first of the fiscal year prior to the year in which the grant is to be paid
1125 pursuant to section 10-262i, [and] (B) for the fiscal years ending June
1126 30, 1991, and 1992, 1.6651 times the town wealth of the town with such
1127 median wealth, [and] (C) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1993, June
1128 30, 1994, and June 30, 1995, 1.5361 times the town wealth of the town
1129 with the median wealth, [and] (D) for the fiscal [year] years ending
1130 June 30, 1996, [and each fiscal year thereafter] to June 30, 2007, 1.55
1131 times the town wealth of the town with the median wealth, and (E) for
1132 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter, two
1133 times the town wealth of the town with the median wealth.

1134 Sec. 34. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) On or before June 15, 2008,
1135 and annually thereafter, each municipality shall report to the Secretary
1136 of the Office of Policy and Management, on a form prescribed by the
1137 secretary, the average change in the mill rate of the municipality for
1138 the current fiscal year and the four previous fiscal years.

1139 (b) For the fiscal years commencing July 1, 2008, and each fiscal year
1140 thereafter, each municipality shall calculate the mill rate for the next
1141 fiscal year pursuant to this section.

1142 (1) The municipality shall determine a proposed mill rate for the
1143 next fiscal year.

1144 (2) If the difference between the proposed mill rate and the current

1145 year mill rate is less than the average change in the mill rate as
1146 reported to the secretary, the municipality shall determine an adjusted
1147 mill rate by dividing the increase in the amount of funding to the
1148 municipality for the next fiscal year under sections 12-19a, 12-20a, 10-
1149 76g and section 10-262h of the general statutes, as amended by this act,
1150 above the amount of funding in the current fiscal year under said
1151 sections by the net grand list of the municipality. The adjusted mill rate
1152 shall be subtracted from the proposed mill rate. The result shall be the
1153 mill rate for the next fiscal year.

1154 (3) If the difference between the proposed mill rate and the mill rate
1155 for the current year is greater than the average change in the mill rate
1156 as reported to the secretary, the municipality shall determine an
1157 adjusted mill rate by dividing the increase in the amount of funding to
1158 the municipality for the next fiscal year under sections 12-19a, 12-20a,
1159 10-76g and section 10-262h of the general statutes, as amended by this
1160 act, above the amount of funding in the current fiscal year under said
1161 sections by the net grand list. The municipality shall subtract the
1162 adjusted mill rate from the sum of the proposed mill rate and the
1163 average change in the mill rate. The result shall be the mill rate for the
1164 next fiscal year.

1165 (c) Not more than ten days after setting the mill rate pursuant to
1166 subsection (b) of this section, the municipality shall report to the
1167 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management the mill rate for the
1168 next year along with the calculations used to set such mill rate.

1169 Sec. 35. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007, and applicable to income years*
1170 *commencing on or after January 1, 2007*) (a) As used in this section:

1171 (1) "Business firm" means any business entity authorized to do
1172 business in the state and subject to the corporation business tax
1173 imposed under chapter 208 of the general statutes, or any company
1174 subject to a tax imposed under chapter 207 of the general statutes, or
1175 any air carrier subject to the air carriers tax imposed under chapter 209
1176 of the general statutes, or any railroad company subject to the railroad

1177 companies tax imposed under chapter 210 of the general statutes, or
1178 any regulated telecommunications service, express, telegraph, cable, or
1179 community antenna television company subject to the regulated
1180 telecommunications service, express, telegraph, cable, and community
1181 antenna television companies tax imposed under chapter 211 of the
1182 general statutes, or any utility company subject to the utility
1183 companies tax imposed under chapter 212 of the general statutes;

1184 (2) "Nonprofit corporation" means a nonprofit corporation
1185 incorporated pursuant to chapter 602 of the general statutes or any
1186 predecessor statutes thereto, having as one of its purposes the
1187 construction, rehabilitation, ownership or operation of housing and
1188 having articles of incorporation approved by the executive director of
1189 the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority in accordance with
1190 regulations adopted pursuant to section 8-79a of the general statutes or
1191 8-84 of the general statutes;

1192 (3) "Eligible employee" means an employee whose income is not
1193 more than eighty per cent of the area median income of the
1194 municipality in which the business firm is located, as determined by
1195 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;
1196 and

1197 (4) "Qualifying housing" means rental or ownership housing units
1198 that are either within three miles of the worksite of the eligible
1199 employee or within three miles of a public transit facility which
1200 provides service to the worksite of the eligible employee.

1201 (b) The Commissioner of Revenue Services shall grant a credit
1202 against any tax due under the provisions of chapter 207, 208, 209, 210,
1203 211 or 212 of the general statutes in an amount equal to the amount
1204 specified by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority in any tax
1205 credit voucher issued by said authority pursuant to subsection (c) of
1206 this section.

1207 (c) (1) The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall administer
1208 a system of tax credit vouchers within the resources, requirements and

1209 purposes of this section to encourage employees to reside closer to
1210 their employment. Vouchers may be issued to business firms for
1211 contributions to (A) eligible employees of the business firm for a down
1212 payment on a house or to offset housing costs; (B) housing programs
1213 developed, sponsored or managed by a nonprofit corporation which
1214 commits to using such financial assistance, to provide, assist or
1215 subsidize qualifying housing to eligible employees; or (C) developers
1216 who set aside qualifying housing units for eligible employees of the
1217 business firm.

1218 (2) Upon submission of a plan for contributions by a business firm,
1219 the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority shall issue an initial
1220 certificate of eligibility for the credit allowed under subsection (b) of
1221 this section after it has been established that the amounts to be paid for
1222 financial assistance by the business firm complies with the provisions
1223 of this section. If the authority determines that all appropriate
1224 requirements are met, the authority shall issue an annual certificate of
1225 eligibility for the credit allowed under subsection (b) or (f) of this
1226 section for each income year for which an application for a credit
1227 under either of said subsections is made. The authority shall require
1228 the business firm to submit annual reports on expenditures for each
1229 income year for which the credit is claimed and to submit such other
1230 information as may be necessary to determine whether all appropriate
1231 requirements have been met and that the applicant continues to be a
1232 financial institution.

1233 (3) Such vouchers may be used as a credit against any of the taxes to
1234 which such business firm is subject and which are enumerated in
1235 subsection (b) of this section.

1236 (d) No business firm shall receive a credit pursuant to both this
1237 section and chapter 228a of the general statutes in relation to the same
1238 cash contribution.

1239 (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent two or more
1240 business firms from participating jointly in one or more programs

1241 under the provisions of this section. Such joint programs shall be
1242 submitted, and acted upon, as a single program by the business firms
1243 involved.

1244 (f) No tax credit shall be granted to any business firm for any
1245 individual amount contributed of less than two hundred fifty dollars.

1246 (g) Any tax credit not used in the period during which the cash
1247 contribution was made may be carried forward or backward for the
1248 five immediately succeeding or preceding income years until the full
1249 credit has been allowed.

1250 (h) In no event shall the total amount of all tax credits allowed to all
1251 business firms pursuant to the provisions of this section exceed five
1252 million dollars in any one fiscal year.

1253 (i) No organization conducting a housing program or programs
1254 eligible for funding with respect to which tax credits may be allowed
1255 under this section shall be allowed to receive an aggregate amount of
1256 such funding for any such program or programs in excess of five
1257 hundred thousand dollars for any fiscal year.

1258 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a business
1259 firm from making any cash contribution to a housing program to
1260 which tax credits may be applied which cash contribution may result
1261 in the business firm having a limited equity interest in the program.

1262 (k) The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, with the approval
1263 of the Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall adopt written
1264 procedures in accordance with section 1-121 of the general statutes to
1265 implement the provisions of this section.

1266 (l) The credit which is sought by the business firm shall first be
1267 claimed on the tax return for such business firm's income year during
1268 which the cash contribution to which the tax credit voucher relates was
1269 paid.

1270 Sec. 36. Subsection (k) of section 8-395 of the general statutes is

1271 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1272 *1, 2007, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1,*
1273 *2007*):

1274 (k) The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, with the approval
1275 of the Commissioner of Revenue Services, shall adopt written
1276 procedures in accordance with section 1-121 to implement the
1277 provisions of this section. Such procedures shall include provisions for
1278 issuing tax credit vouchers for cash contributions to housing programs
1279 based on a system of ranking housing programs. In establishing such
1280 ranking system, the authority shall consider the following: (1) The
1281 readiness of the project to be built; (2) use of the funds to build or
1282 rehabilitate a specific housing project or to capitalize a revolving loan
1283 fund providing low-cost loans for housing construction, repair or
1284 rehabilitation to benefit persons of very low, low and moderate
1285 income; (3) the extent the project will benefit families at or below
1286 twenty-five per cent of the area median income and families with
1287 incomes between twenty-five per cent and fifty per cent of the area
1288 median income, as defined by the United States Department of
1289 Housing and Urban Development; (4) evidence of the general
1290 administrative capability of the nonprofit corporation to build or
1291 rehabilitate housing; (5) evidence that any funds received by the
1292 nonprofit corporation for which a voucher was issued were used to
1293 accomplish the goals set forth in the application; [and] (6) with respect
1294 to any income year commencing on or after January 1, 1998: (A) Use of
1295 the funds to provide housing opportunities in urban areas and the
1296 impact of such funds on neighborhood revitalization; and (B) the
1297 extent to which tax credit funds are leveraged by other funds; and (7)
1298 whether or not the funds will reduce the commuting distance of low
1299 and moderate income persons.

1300 Sec. 37. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two billion five hundred
1301 fifty million dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education,
1302 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for
1303 Equalization Education Grants.

1304 Sec. 38. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two billion six hundred
1305 fifty million dollars is appropriated to the Department of Education,
1306 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for
1307 Equalization Education Grants.

1308 Sec. 39. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five million dollars is
1309 appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from the
1310 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose
1311 of the responsible growth planning grant program established
1312 pursuant to section 7 of this act and for capacity building in said office
1313 because of the program.

1314 Sec. 40. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of five million dollars is
1315 appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from the
1316 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
1317 of the responsible growth planning grant program established
1318 pursuant to section 7 of this act and for capacity building in said office
1319 because of the program.

1320 Sec. 41. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of fifty million dollars is
1321 appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from the
1322 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
1323 of the responsible growth program established pursuant to section 8 of
1324 this act.

1325 Sec. 42. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of fifty million dollars is
1326 appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from the
1327 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
1328 of the regional efficiency program established pursuant to section 9 of
1329 this act.

1330 Sec. 43. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two hundred twelve
1331 million three hundred sixty-three thousand two hundred seventy-two
1332 dollars is appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from
1333 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the
1334 purpose of the program of payment in lieu of taxes under sections 12-
1335 19a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and section 12-20a

1336 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

1337 Sec. 44. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of two hundred million nine
 1338 hundred seventy thousand seven hundred forty-seven dollars is
 1339 appropriated to the Office of Policy and Management, from the
 1340 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
 1341 of the program of payment in lieu of taxes under sections 12-19a of the
 1342 general statutes, as amended by this act, and section 12-20a of the
 1343 general statutes, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	16a-31
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	4-124d
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	8-35a
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 26	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

Sec. 28	<i>October 1, 2007, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2007</i>	12-700(a)
Sec. 29	<i>October 1, 2007, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2007</i>	12-19a
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	12-20a
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-76g
Sec. 32	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-262f(9)
Sec. 33	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-262f(24)
Sec. 34	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 35	<i>July 1, 2007, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 36	<i>July 1, 2007, and applicable to income years commencing on or after January 1, 2007</i>	8-395(k)
Sec. 37	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 38	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 39	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 40	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
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